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1. JUNE 28 MURDER IN BEIRUT OF FORMER YAR FONMIN AND
PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MUHAMMAD AHMAD NU'MAN (SEPTTEL) HAS
CREATED PROFOUND SHOCK. PDRY GENERALLY HELD RESPON-
SIBLE. ALTHOUGH NU'MAN WAS AN OPEN POLITICAL ADVERSARY OF
BOTH COMMAND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN HAMDI AND NEW PRIMIN/FONMIN
AL-AYNI, NEW YARG EVIDENTLY INTENDS ACCORD HIM FULL
HONORS DUE A POLITICAL FIGURE OF MAJOR STATURE AND NATIONAL
IMPORTANCE. SPECIAL FLIGHT DISPATCHED TO BEIRUT
JUNE 29 WILL BRING BODY TO SANAA SAME NIGHT FOR STATE
UNERAL FOLLOWING DAY. RETURN OF NU'MAN'S FATHER,
ELDER STATESMAN AND MEMBER OF REPUBLICAN COUNCIL PRIOR
JUNE 13 MILITARY TAKE-OVER, HAS BEEN INVITED BY COMMAND
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2. IN AN IMPORTANT INTERVIEW WITH A MENA CORRESPONDENT ON JUNE 27, CC CHAIRMAN MADE STRONG BID FOR EGYPTIAN SUPPORT OF HIS NEW REGIME. HAMDI LAVISHLY PRAISED EGYPTIAN ROLE IN YAR REVOLUTION, AND STATED HE WOULD SEEK TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN FRIENDLY TIES. HAMDI SAID HE WOULD BE ASKING FOR EGYPTIAN EXPERTS TO COME TO YAR FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. AFTER EXTOLLING EGYPT, HAMDI EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN YAR AND SAUDI ARABIA, AND ADDED THAT SAUDI ARABIA EXTENDS ENORMOUS AID TO YAR. HAMDI THEN TREATED BRIEFLY THE QUESTION OF YAR RELATIONS WITH PDRY, SAYING YAR WOULD WORK WITH PDRY BROTHERS TO FULFILL THE YEMENI PEOPLE'S OBJECTIVE OF UNITY.

3. FINALLY TAKING COGNIZANCE OF REPORTS OUTSIDE YEMEN, HAMDI DENIED FORMER PRESIDENT IRYANI HAD BEEN FORCED TO RESIGN.

4. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CORRESPONDENT OF PALESTINIAN NEWS AGENCY GIVEN ON JUNE 26 BUT NOT REPORTED IN PRESS UNTIL JUNE 28, HAMDI AFFIRMED YAR'S WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE, AND YAR RECOGNITION OF PLO AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

5. FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR MUHAMMAD KOHALI IS STILL IN YAR. KOHALI CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER MUHSIN AL-AYNI ON JUNE 27.

6. CC CHAIRMAN HAMDI IS TO SHORTLY MAKE A TRIP TO SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA INFORMS US THAT AL-HAMDI WILL BE GOING TO SAUDI ARABIA, IN PART IN QUEST OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SIZEABLE MILITARY PURCHASES FROM US (SEPTTEL).
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